GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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SETTING UP OF ICMR UNIT
RAMESH CHENNITHALA

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that Leptospirosis is emerging as a major health threat in Kerala;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government have received any proposal from Kerala for setting up of an ICMR unit in Kerala for research in Leptospirosis;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the stage of which the matter stands at present?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) to (d) A request was received from Government of Kerala for establishment of a field station in order to strengthen the capacity of the State to deal with the outbreak of Leptospirosis, a major health threat in the State.The Government of Kerala has been advised to explore the feasibility of capacity strengthening through the Regional Medical Research Center at Port Blair which acts as a National Research Center of Leptospirosis.